

Report on Communication Activities with Nursing Education Programs

SUMMARY:

This report describes participation of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board or BON) education consultants in activities to promote communication and share information with the Texas nursing programs.

New Dean, Director, and Coordinator Orientation Workshop

Board Rule 214 Vocational Nursing Education and Rule 215 Professional Nursing Education require that a newly appointed dean, director, interim dean, interim director, or coordinator of a nursing education program attend the next scheduled orientation provided by Board Staff. Twice a year, usually once in the fall and again in spring, a new dean, director, or coordinator orientation is scheduled.

On September 14, 2012, Part II - "Face-to-Face Session" of the Deans/Directors/Coordinators Orientation was held in Room 225, Tower II of the William P. Hobby Building in Austin, Texas. Prior to attending the one-day meeting, newly appointed program deans, directors, and coordinators are requested to complete the *Nursing Education Program Director Orientation Module* that is distributed electronically. The learning module provides basic content regarding Rules 214 and 215, whereas the face-to-face workshop provides an opportunity for participants to further their knowledge of Rules 214 and 215 through staff presentations and group discussions.

The Austin workshop was attended by seventy (70) individuals including deans, directors, and coordinators, as well as administrators and faculty members, of professional and vocational nursing education programs throughout the state. Texas BON education consultants presented a myriad of topics, including: an overview of the Texas Board of Nursing, Rules 214 & 215, Education Guidelines, the Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and clinical learning experiences. Additionally, Mark Majek, Director of Operations, discussed the initial licensing application process, and Earl Stearns, Supervising Investigator for the Eligibility Team, reviewed the declaratory order process and presented updated information relating to enforcement issues.

Evaluations of the orientation were extremely positive. A majority of attendees indicated that all program objectives were completely met. Additionally, the overall effectiveness of the presenters was rated as completely met. Education consultants are planning the next workshop to be held Spring 2013, probably in March.

Texas Association of Deans and Directors Of Professional Nursing Programs (TADDPNP):

On October 5, 2012, education consultants attended the TADDPNP conference held in Austin at the Omni Hotel. The conference was attended by deans and directors of professional nursing programs from across the state. Representatives from the Board, Kathy Thomas, Executive Director, and Mark Majek, Director of Operations, provided BON updates, including recent implementation of the online affidavit of graduation (AOG) process.

Audience response to the presentation was very positive. Many attendees expressed appreciation for the relevance of the topics, as well as the opportunity to dialogue with Board Staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

These are information reports. No action is recommended.